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Response to Office Action Mailed January 22, 2007

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections of the claims, and states the following in support. It is noted that claim 2 was deemed allowable if amended to be independent of the rejected base claim. The limitations of claim 2 have been added to amended claims 1 and 3 herein, in place of the final paragraphs of original claims 1 and 3. Claim 2 has accordingly been cancelled. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the two independent claims in this application, claims 1 and 3, now should be deemed allowable.

In addition, in accordance with the descriptions at page 7, lines 2-10, of the original specification, new claims 4 and 6 have been added as dependent claims, in order to claim the additional feature of "a distance measuring light illumination portion for illuminating a distance measuring light toward said reflector."

Similarly, in accordance with the descriptions at page 6, lines 10-11, and at page 7, lines 7-10, of the original specification, new dependent claims 5 and 7 have been added, in order to claim the additional feature of "said distance measuring light has a wave length different from that of said measurement light." "Said measurement light" in new claims 5 and 7 refers to the measurement light described in the respective base claims (1 and 3, respectively) of new claims 5 and 7.

Therefore, in view of the finding of allowability of original claim 2, it is submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 3 now are allowable, and accordingly, that the new claims 4-7 dependent thereupon also are allowable.

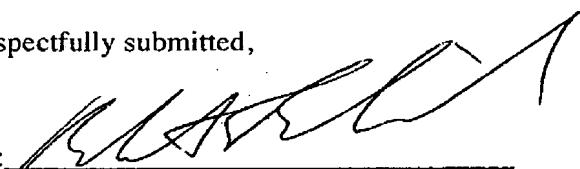
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Fee Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filling this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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